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1. DURING AUGUST 10 MEETING OF MFA WITH CAO JOHNSON, AZAROV SAID SOVIETS PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON THEIR DRAFTS OF 1977-79 CULTURAL AGREEMENT AND WOULD BE READY TO MEET AGAIN WITH THE U.S. SIDE IN SEPTEMBER. IN LIGHT OF DECEMBER DEADLINE FOR CURRENT AGREEMENT AND PARAGRAPH ON TIMING OF TALKS IN REFERENCED LETTER, JOHNSON SUGGESTED OCTOBER, PERHAPS LATTER HALF. CHOICE OF WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW SITE FOR TALKS ALSO WAS LEFT UP TO AMERICAN SIDE FOR DECISION. MENTION OF IT BEING MOSCOW'S TURN ELICITED NO RESPONSE AS TO PREFERENCE ON MFA'S PART BUT RECOLLECTION THAT P&C COUNSELOR BENSON HAD SAID WOULD MEET WITH THEM IN WASHINGTON BEFORE RETURN TO MOSCOW.

2. MFA AWAITING DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ON DATE AND SITE FOR NEXT ROUND. AZAROV STARTING LEAVE AUGUST 18 AND CHURLIN RETURNING TO OFFICE AUGUST 28. VLADIMIR LEONODOVICH PAPOV OF SCANDINAVIAN SECTION COVERING
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REPLY ON DEPARTMENT'S DECISION BY AUGUST 17.
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